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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OAS, PORG, MARR, BR, MX, HA, CS, DR

SUBJECT: US RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO RIO  
TREATY

1. ON APRIL 17, PRESIDENT CARTER RATIFIED THE PROTOCOL OF  
AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL  
ASSISTANCE (RIO TREATY), PURSUANT TO SENATE ADVICE AND  
CONSENT GIVEN ON JULY 19, 1977. THE DEPARTMENT IS ANXIOUS  
TO DEPOSIT THE US INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WITH THE OAS  
PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON JUNE  
21. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OUR RATIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO A  
RESERVATION, THE OAS WILL NOT ACCEPT THE INSTRUMENT FOR  
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DEPOSIT UNTIL THE OTHER CONTRACTING STATES HAVE AGREED TO  
OUR RESERVATION. THE CONTRACTING STATES AT PRESENT NUMBER O  
ONLY FIVE--BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,  
HAITI, AND MEXICO. WE ARE THEREFORE ASKING FOR THE  
ASSISTANCE OF THE POSTS IN SEEKING PROMPT RESPONSES BY THESE  
GOVERNMENTS TO THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT'S FORTHCOMING  
INQUIRY ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE US RESERVATION. WE

HOPE THAT THE OAS WILL SEND OUT THE FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE  
ON THIS SUBJECT NEXT WEEK. FYI: WE SENT A LETTER TO  
ORFILA ON MAY 12 ASKING THAT VIEWS OF THE FIVE CONTRACTING  
  
PARTIES BE SOUGHT EXPEDITIOUSLY. END FYI.

2. THE RESERVATION TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE SAME ONE WE  
MADE AT THE TIME OF SIGNING THE PROTOCOL IN SAN JOSE ON  
JULY 26, 1975. ALL OAS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THUS SHOULD  
BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS TERMS. THE RESERVATION TAKES  
EXCEPTION TO NEW ARTICLE 11 OF THE RIO TREATY IN WHICH  
THE PARTIES RECOGNIZE THAT "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES...MUST ALSO BE  
GUARANTEED THROUGH SUITABLE MECHANISMS TO BE ESTABLISHED  
IN A SPECIAL TREATY." THE US STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS  
PROVISION AT THE TIME OF DRAFTING ON THE GROUNDS THAT  
COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY WAS NOT GERMANE TO A DEFENSE  
PACT SUCH AS THE RIO TREATY. THE RESERVATION WE HAVE  
ENTERED READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE UNITED STATES, IN SIGNING  
THIS PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY  
OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, ACCEPTS NO OBLIGATION OR  
COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE, SIGN OR RATIFY A TREATY OR  
CONVENTION ON THE SUBJECT OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY."  
END OF QUOTE. FYI: THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS MUST RESPOND  
AFFIRMATIVELY BEFORE THE US CAN DEPOSIT ITS INSTRUMENT.  
THE OAS OTHERWISE WILL WAIT FOR ONE YEAR BEFORE CONSIDER-  
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ING A FAILURE TO OBJECT AS ACCEPTANCE BY A GOVERNMENT  
OF A PROPOSED RESERVATION. END FYI. VANCE

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